

Riverside, California, September 30/41

Dr. Phillip Munz,
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Dear Dr. Munz: Now that you are back again at the college and have had the annoyances of the first week of school over with, I want to write you and inquire concerning a number of observations you have been able to make on your trip East this summer.

First, have you noted Tetradymia spinosa to be leafless during the summer? During my recent trip with David Keck into the mountains bordering the desert I found all the plants to be devoid of foliage. I am wondering if others had seen this conditions prevailing and if it is general.

How far eastward did you have to travel before you encountered Yucca baccata? Was it in blossom in June or in fruit?

Did you pick up Ephedra trifurca anywhere along your route? I am eager to get more information concerning the distribution of the plant on our deserts. It is to be more or less plentiful along the river at Daggett but I have not been able to find it there.

I am going down to the Colorado Desert a number of times this month to see what I can pick up there in the late autumn. In some of the washes there ought to be a few things out.

While I think about it I want to tell you that there is a most interesting composite growing on those hills back of Indio. It is a small plant somewhat of the habit of a psyllarotes but with a holly-like leaf. I have seen it mostly on the bluffs at the head of Painted Canon. I took several specimens at one time but fail to find them now. I thought I would mention it to you so that you could be on the lookout for it.

It pleases me very much that you have David in your classes. He was looking forward to having you as an instructor all through this last summer. I do hope he will turn out to be a good botanist and a help to you in your department. You can allways depend on him to do conscientious work. It is too bad he hasnt a greater talent for drawing but perhaps you can train him in to doing good work along that line too.

I have kept you in mind this summer while collecting and will have a box of plants to bring you shortly. I have picked up several nice things for you. Among them is Collinsia concolor which Mr. Parish tells me is not in the U.C. Herbarium.

My school work is most enjoyable. I havent so much work that I will not be able to work on with my plants. I have three classes only and all the rest of the time is mine.

It is to be hoped that I can get down to see you sometime soon. I want to do a little library work in your botanical library. Did I tell you ^{that} I picked up a new uncut Botany of California for \$7.50? Pretty good buy, I say.

Best wishes always.

Edmund Jaeger

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sec. lvs commonly fruit